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1. THE AFTERMATH OF THE ASSASSINATION OF DRESDNER BANK
CHAIRMAN JUERGEN PONTO CONTINUES TO HEAVILY OCCUPY
PUBLIC, OFFICIAL AND MEDIA ATTENTION.

2. ALL BANKING AND FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS THROUGHOUT
THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC WERE CLOSED FOR ONE HOUR BETWEEN
11 AM. AND 12 NOON ON THURSDAY, AUGUST 4. AT THE
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REQUEST OF THE DRESDNER BANK WORKS COUNCIL OVER
4,000 DEMONSTRATORS CONSISTING PRIMARILY OF EMPLOYEES
OF BANKS AND FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS STAGED A SILENT
MARCH THROUGH THE CENTER OF FRANKFURT ABOUT MID DAY
THE SAME DAY. PRESIDENT SCHEEL, CHANCELLOR SCHMIDT,
BUNDESTAG PRESIDENT KARSTENS AND NUMEROUS OTHERS WILL
PARTICIPATE IN A MEMORIAL SERVICE IN FRANKFURTS

PAULSKIRCHE ON FRIDAY, AUG 5, AND THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT HAS ORDERED FLAGS TO BE FLOWN AT HALF-MAST AT ALL FEDERAL BUILDINGS THAT DAY.

3. MEANWHILE POLICE HAVE ARRESTED 23-YEAR OLD ELEANORE MARIA POENSGEN IN A FRANKFURT APARTMENT. THE INVESTIGATING JUDGE HAS CONFIRMED POENSGEN'S DETENTION SINCE SHE HAS BEEN IDENTIFIED BY MRS. PONTO AND THE PONTO DRIVER AS THE OTHER WOMAN WHO ENTERED THE PONTO RESIDENCE AT OBERURSEL LAST SATURDAY AND COMMITTED THE SHOOTING. HOWEVER, POENSGEN'S ATTORNEYS WHO HAVE PREVIOUSLY DEFENDED SUSPECTS IN TERRORIST CASES CLAIM THAT SHE HAS AN ALIBI SUPPORTED BY WITNESSES. IN ADDITION TO THE OTHERS MENTIONED IN REF B, A WARRANT HAS BEEN ISSUED FOR ADELHEID BARBARA SCHULZ, A 22-YEAR OLD NURSE, ON SUSPICION OF BEING IMPLICATED IN THE SHOOTING. SHELL CASES FROM ONE OF THE WEAPONS USED IN THE ASSASSINATION HAVE BEEN FOUND AT SCHULZ' RESIDENCE. IT APPEARS TO BE LADIES DAY ON THE GERMAN TERRORIST SCENE.

4. A SOMEWHAT BIZZARRE SIDELINE ASPECT IS THE PUBLICATION IN ENGLISH BY "NEW SOLIDARITY INTERNATIONAL PRESS SERVICE" LOCATED IN WIESBADEN OF AN ARTICLE BY THE AMERICAN LABOR PARTY'S LYNDON H. LAROCHE, JR., LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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WHO CLAIMS NOW TO BE ON THE SAME ASSASSINATION LIST AS MR. PONTO AND CHARGES THE "CARTER-MONDALE ADMINISTRATION" OR "CIRCLES WITHIN OR AROUND THAT ADMINISTRATION" WITH RESPONSIBILITY FOR MR. PONTO'S ASSASSINATION (SEE 76 FRANKFURT 0897).

5. THERE HAS BEEN SOME SPECULATION NOT ONLY IN THE PRESS BUT ALSO AMONG LAW ENFORCEMENT PROFESSIONALS THAT THE PONTO ASSASSINATION MAY USHER IN A NEW PHASE IN GERMAN TERRORIST ACTIVITY WHICH WILL NOW CONCENTRATE ON LEADING FIGURES IN INDUSTRY AND FINANCE RATHER THAN POLITICIANS, SENIOR OFFICIALS IN THE ADMINISTRATION OF JUSTICE AND THE OCCASIONAL DIPLOMATIC OR MILITARY TARGET. ON BALANCE WE ARE NOT INCLINED TO TAKE THIS SPECULATION TOO SERIOUSLY. THE GENERAL CONSENSUS OF PROFESSIONAL OPINION IS THAT THE HARD CORE OF GERMAN TERRORISTS CONSISTS OF A RELATIVE SMALL GROUP OF PERHAPS TWO DOZEN WITH SOME AUXILIARIES AROUND THE IMMEDIATE FRINGE OF THE CORE AND A SOMEWHAT LARGER SUPPORTIVE ENVIRONMENT CONSISTING PRIMARILY OF YOUNGER RADICAL INTELLECTUALS. WE BELIEVE IT MORE LIKELY THAT FUTURE TERRORIST ACTIVITY WILL

CONTINUE TO BE DIRECTED AGAINST LEADING FIGURES OF THE "SYSTEM" OR "ESTABLISHMENT" INCLUDING ALL THE ABOVE-MENTIONED GROUPS RATHER THAN CONCENTRATE ON ANY ONE GROUP TO THE EXCLUSION OF OTHERS.

6. AS TO THE POLITICAL CONSEQUENCES OF THE AFFAIR, IT CAN BE ASSUMED THAT IT DOES NOT HELP THE COALITION PARTIES IN POWER EITHER IN BONN OR ON THE STATE LEVEL IN THIS AREA. THIS IS SO SIMPLY BECAUSE THEY ARE IN POWER AND THEREFORE HELD RESPONSIBLE. ANY ADVERSE EFFECTS WOULD HOWEVER BE SOMEWHAT MITIGATED IF THE AUTHORITIES ARE SUCCESSFUL IN BRINGS THE PERPETRATORS TO JUSTICE. IN LAND HESSE, WHERE THE CDU HAS STRONGLY ATTACKED WHAT IT CHARGES TO BE THE LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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PERMISSIVENESS AND LEFT-WING PENETRATION OF THE EDUCATIONAL SYSTEM INCLUDING THE TEACHING PROFESSION, TEXTBOOKS AND CURRICULA, THE ASSERTIONS BY ALFRED DREGGER THAT THESE WEAKNESSES ARE AT THE ROOT OF THE TERRORIST PROBLEM IS LIKELY TO HAVE SOME APPEAL TO AN INCREASING NUMBER OF VOTERS. LEHMANN

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